

## CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

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## **RE: Dental Policy Clarification**

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

This letter is being sent as a clarification of dental policy implemented in the *Dental Regulations* 907 KAR 1:026E, *Dental Services and* 907 KAR 1:626E, *Reimbursement of Dental Services*. To view these regulations, please visit the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) website at www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/current.htm.

Effective July 1, 2006, for members under twenty-one (21) years of age, two prophylaxis will be allowed per twelve-month period per member.

<u>Effective August 15, 2006</u>, the reimbursement rate for most of the CDT codes were increased for members under twenty-one (21) years of age.

## Effective September 30, 2006:

- Debridement code (D4355) added for pregnant women only and limited to one per pregnancy.
  - Note: Claims submitted for D4355 to EDS will have to reflect the diagnosis of pregnancy for processing.
- X-ray benefits will be limited per member, per provider.
- Members twenty-one (21) years of age and older are limited to one non-emergency dental visit per calendar month, per member, per provider.
- For members under twenty-one (21) years of age, an additional Comprehensive Oral Evaluation (D0150) will be allowed if in conjunction with a covered prophylaxis.

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- Coverage for a limited oral evaluation (D0140) shall be limited to a trauma related injury or acute infection and shall pay in conjunction with:
  - A periapical x-ray 2. Bitewing x-ray
  - 3. Panoramic x-ray
  - 4. Resin, anterior
  - 5. A simple or surgical extraction
  - 6. Surgical removal of a residual tooth root
  - 7. Removal of a foreign body
  - 8. Suture of a recent small wound
  - 9. Intravenous sedation: and
  - 10. Incision and drainage of infection

DMS is currently reviewing the possibility of implementing a dental home. Members will be assigned a dental provider to manage their dental care. The Department will update you as the plan develops.

For more information, please utilize the following avenues:

Claims Billing:

EDS

(800) 807-1232

Member Plans & Service Limitations:

Automated Voice Response System (AVRS) (800) 807-1301

www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/kyhealthchoices.htm.

http://chs.ky.gov/dms/fee.htm Dental Fee Schedule:

Should you have questions regarding dental policies, please contact the DMS Physicians and Specialty Services Branch at (502) 564-2687.

Commissioner

Sincerely.

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